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MULTI-PIECE SOLID GOLF BALL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated June 19, 2001, the period for response having been extended one month to October 19, 2001, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (U.S. Patent 6,045,459) is respectfully traversed. It is noted that the Examiner has withdrawn the reference U.S. 6,117,026 to Hayashi et al. Also the rejection no longer alleges anticipation under 35 U.S.C.

§102(a).

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